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Objectives and approach

Turbulence modeling is the limiting factor in the ability of aerospace engineers to predict turbulent flows of importance in aircraft and propulsion system design. The objective of this program is to make a significant advance in the quality of aerospace engineering turbulence predictions through the development of a new type of turbulence model.

Current engineering models (*e.g.* $k-\epsilon$ models) relate the turbulent stresses to the local mean deformation *rate* through an eddy viscosity. Such models are valid in the limit of slow deformation rates, but do not do well in complex non-equilibrium flows where the turbulence is rapidly deformed by the mean motion. Rapid Distortion Theory (RDT) does describe the response of the stresses to rapid mean deformations. Under RDT the stresses are determined not by the instantaneous strain *rates* but instead by the total *amount* of mean deformation. RDT is a closed two-point theory, but engineering models require one-point formulation. Therefore, what is needed is a one-point model that matches eddy viscosity models for weak deformation rates and RDT for rapid deformations. This would require a good one-point RDT model, and building such a model might seem to be a formidable challenge.

However, a very effective one-point structure-based model for RDT of homogeneous turbulence was developed by Kassinos and Reynolds (1994), hereafter denoted by KR, under previous AFOSR support. This RDT model is now being used as the backbone for a general structure-based turbulence model of the type described.

The new *structure-based* model is based on substantially more physics than in existing models. The turbulent stresses, which are needed in the CFD codes that predict the mean flow, are related to parameters of the turbulence structure, which are then evolved using transport equations developed from the underlying Navier-Stokes equations. These structural parameters evolve differently under slow and rapid deformations, and by representing the stresses in terms of the structure both regimes are captured correctly.

This AASERT award supported the initial PhD work of Mr. Scot Haire. That work continues under subsequent AFOSR support.

Accomplishments

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The full details of the more recent structure-based modeling work will be reported in the PhD Dissertation Scot Haire, which we expect to complete under subsequent AFOSR support. Partial details have and will appear in various conference proceedings

Personnel

- Prof. W.C. Reynolds, Principal Investigator
- Dr. S.C. Kassinos, Postdoctoral Investigator
- Mr. Scot Haire, PhD student (AFOSR-AASERT support)

Discoveries, inventions, patent disclosures

No patentable discoveries.

Honors and awards

- During the award period, Prof. W.C. Reynolds was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Science and was the 1995 W.R. Sears Distinguished Lecturer at Cornell University.
- Prior to the award period, Prof. W.C. Reynolds was elected to the National Academy of Engineering (1978), Fellow of the ASME, and Fellow of the APS, and received the Otto Laporte Award from the APS, the Fluids Engineering Award from the ASME, and the G. Edwin Burkes Award and a Centenary Award from the ASEE.

Publications

Reynolds, W.C. & Kassinos, S.C 1995 One-point modeling of rapidly deformed homogeneous turbulence. To appear in *Proc. Roy. Soc. A* in a special Osborne Reynolds Centenary Issue.

Papers on the KR work is being prepared for submission to *J. Fluid Mechanics*.

Reference

Kassinos, S.C. & Reynolds, W.C. 1994 A structure-based model for the rapid distortion of homogeneous turbulence. Report TF-61, Thermosciences Division, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University.